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After following the progress of the Microsoft anti-trust trial with great interest and hope, I have been very disappointed to see the proposed settlement, which does little or nothing to punish Microsoft for their illegal actions and may instead actually serve to further increase their market share. In short, I believe the settlement does not serve the public interest.

In my opinion, any settlement should include massive fines against Microsoft, and possibly prison time for certain corporate officers. I would even suggest that revocation of Microsoft's corporate charter would be appropriate action against a company which behaves as they do, especially given their attitude of having done nothing wrong even after the findings of fact were upheld on appeal. It is clear to me that Microsoft will use any loophole to ignore restrictions on its business practices and therefore the penalty should not focus exclusively on such restrictions but also include substantial immediate actions such as those I mention above. It is my hope that with such penalties, the playing field will be leveled such that other competing technologies besides Microsoft's may gain market acceptance, and that in an environment of fair competition the best technology will win on its own merits.

Sincerely,

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